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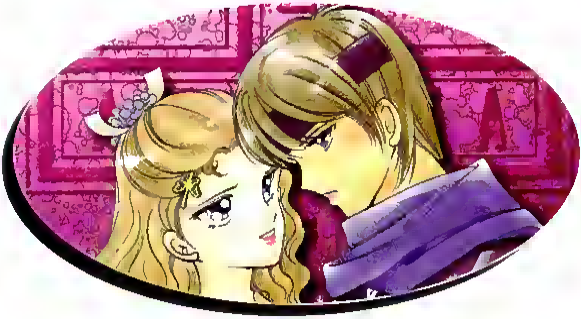

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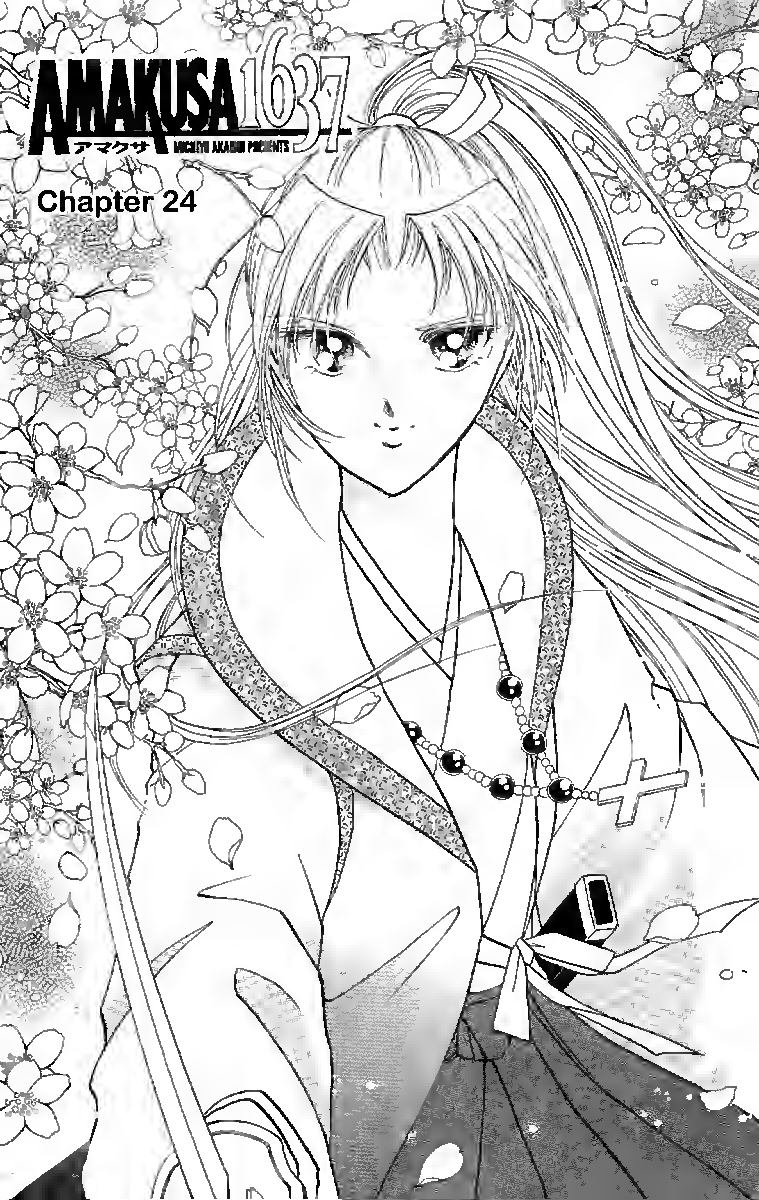
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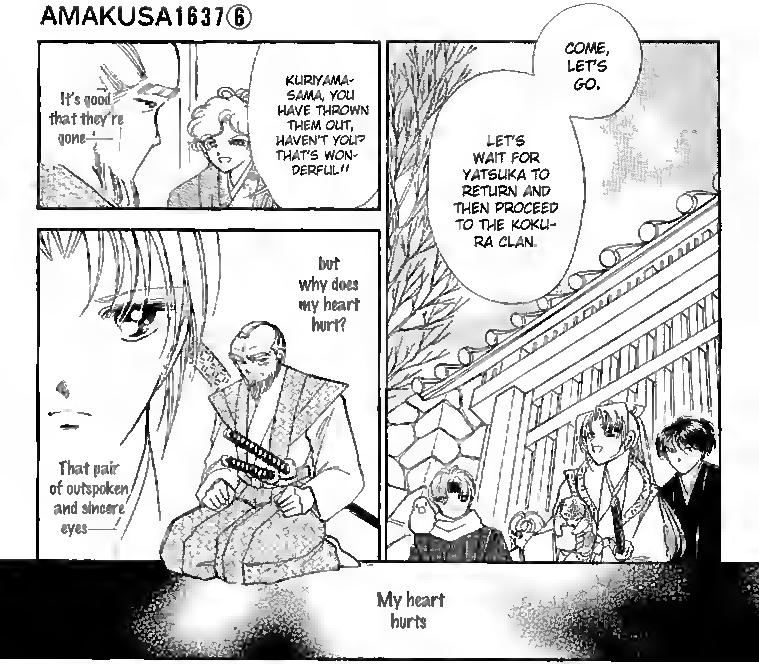
アマクサ MICHIYO AKASHI PRESENTS
Chapter 24

I, KURIYAMA, AM PREPARED TO ANSWER FOR MY ACTIONS WITH MY LIFE
SINCE I SENT AWAY THE GUESTS WHOM DONO INVITED...
CHIEF RETAINER OF THE KURODA CLAN, KURIYAMA TAIZEN.
He should have seen that Kuroda Tadayuki is an ambitious man who is dissatisfied under the Shogun governance system
He said that he will risk his life to drive us away from the Kuroda Clan
Hence, he's protecting Dono and the people who are living in the clan
REBELLION...

ARE YOU THINKING THAT——THE DONO OF KURODA MAY TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE INSURGENCY AND PLAN A REVOLUTION AGAINST THE SHOGUN?
IF THAT HAPPENS, YOU'LL ALSO TRY TO STOP HIM FROM RISKING YOUR LIFE, WON'T YOU?
Tadayuki did seem rather concerned about the insurgency
IT'S NOT THAT I CAN'T OBLIGE WITH WHAT YOU HAD ASKED.
——HE WILL THEN DECIDE TO BE AT THE FOREFRONT OF THE ATTACK ON HARA CASTLE* WHERE OUR REVOLUTION ARMIES ARE, CUTTING THROUGH OUR DEFENCE INTO OUR FORTRESS.
AFTER THAT..
DONO WILL BE MOVED BY YOUR LOYALTY
IS THIS.. A PROPHECY..?
DO-.. DONO WILL DO THAT—?

*T/N: HARA CASTLE IS IN MINAMISHIMABARA WHICH IS A CITY IN THE NAGASAKI PREFECTURE THAT OCCUPIES THE SOUTHERN TIP OF THE SHIMABARA PENINSULA.

I thought that I could change this part of history—
but... this man has stopped me.
THERE IS A POSSIBILITY FOR THAT TO HAPPEN.
I don't dislike this man.
KURIYAMA-SAMA, PLEASE DO VALUE YOUR LIFE MORE.
Even though he's throwing us out for some reason...
LET'S GO, MIYAMOTO.
WE CAN'T STAY HERE SINCE A LIFE IS PUT ON THE LINE IN ORDER TO DRIVE US OUT.
PLEASE TAKE CARE.
MASUDA-SAMA TOO.


It's good that they're gone——
KURIYAMA-SAMA, YOU HAVE THROWN THEM OUT, HAVEN'T YOU? THAT'S WONDERFUL!!
COME, LET'S GO.
LET'S WAIT FOR YATSUKA TO RETURN AND THEN PROCEED TO THE KOKURA CLAN.
but why does my heart hurt?
That pair of outspoken and sincere eyes——
My heart hurts

AH, THE MOBILE HAS CONNECTED.
HEY—— WHAT ARE YOU DOING, YATSUKA? ARE YOU OUT AT SEA AGAIN?

THE WIND HAS BECOME STRONGER AND STRONGER
WELL, I'M AFRAID WE'RE RATHER FAR FROM THE COAST, AND IT SEEMS THAT A TYPHOON'S APPROACHING.
DID YOU FIGHT WITH DONO?
DID YOU GO OUT FAR? WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU AT THE BEACH ALL THIS TIME.
SO WE WON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENS AT SEA FAR AWAY FROM HERE
A TYPHOON? AH, I SEE. THERE'S NO WEATHER FORECAST HERE.
DO YOU WANT TO TALK TO NA—— SHIROU?
THIS IS A MOBILE PHONE.
OHH.
HEY, WHAT'S THAT? WHO HAVE YOU BEEN TALKING TO?

SHI... SHIROU? WHERE ARE YOU?
SHIROU'S AT THE BEACH. THIS MACHINE ALLOWS US TO COMMUNICATE WITH PEOPLE DISTANT FROM US.
IS THAT REALLY YOU, SHI... SHIROU?
Ah, Kuroda-dono?
YES, I AM.
Alright, can you pass a message to those at the sea side?
We're going to the Kokura Clan soon. Please hurry and return.
HO, IT'S REALLY YOU. ARE YOU AT THE BEACH?
THE FISHERMEN HAD SAID BEFORE THAT A HURRICANE NEAR TATSUMI ISLAND WILL AT THE SAME TIME CAUSE A TSUNAMI TO HIT THE WEST COAST!
I'M RIGHT NOW NEAR TATSUMI ISLAND, SO PERHAPS A TSUNAMI IS APPROACHING THE WEST COAST.

TSUNAMI WARNING—?
LAST TIME, HUGE WAVES SWEPT AWAY THE WEST COAST AND DOZENS OF PEOPLE DIED.
COULD YOU PLEASE INFORM THE VILLAGERS TO BE CAREFUL?
GOT IT. IT'S THE WEST COAST.
WHAT HAPPENED?
CUT'S OFF
KURODA TADAYUKI SAID THAT THERE MAY BE A TSUNAMI APPROACHING. WE HAVE TO WARN THE PEOPLE AT THE WEST COAST IMMEDIATELY!

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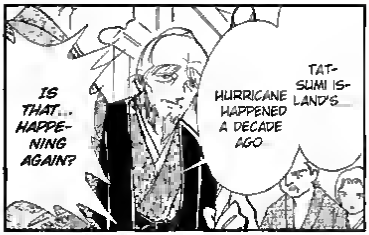
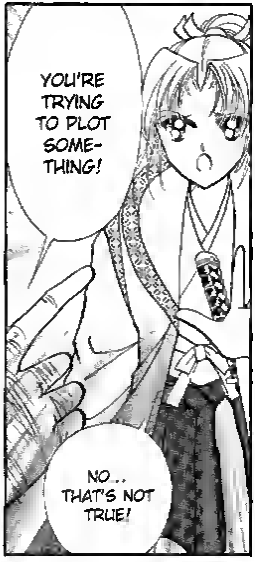
—THERE WAS A BEAUTIFUL LADY AT THAT VILLAGE,
BUT SHE DIED AT THAT TSUNAMI.
NO, IT'S NOT THAT
HMM, YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT YOUR PEOPLE. AREN'T YOU QUITE A GOOD LORD
NO, NOT REALLY.
DID YOU LIKE HER?
BUT THAT'S AN INCREDIBLE THING.
HAHA!
JUST AS I SUSPECT, YOU WERE IN LOVE WITH HER, WEREN'T YOU?
DON'T LAUGH!
I ONLY THOUGHT THAT IT WAS A PITY THAT SHE DIED.

WHERE—
DID YOU PEOPLE REALLY COME FROM?
A TSUNAMI MAY BE APPROACHING. RUN TO HIGHER GROUND!
WHO... ARE YOU?
YOU AREN'T THE MESSENGERS FROM THE GOVERNOR REPRESENTATIVE AND WE HAVEN'T SEEN YOU BEFORE.
THIS IS THE ORDER OF KURODA TADAYUKI-SAMA! HURRY UP! RUN!
ARE YOU THE ELDER OF THE VILLAGE?


IS THAT... HAPPENING AGAIN?
HURRICANE HAPPENED A DECADE AGO
TATSUMI ISLAND'S

KURODA TADAYUKI-SAMA SAID THAT THERE SEEMS TO BE A HURRICANE AT TATSUMI ISLAND, AND HE'S SAYING THAT WHEN THE SAME THING HAPPENED IN THE PAST, A TSUNAMI HIT THE WEST COAST.

THIS IS TERRIBLE LET'S FLEE
THAT KILLED DOZENS OF PEOPLE


YOU'RE TRYING TO PLOT SOMETHING!
NO... THAT'S NOT TRUE!

NOW THAT YOU MENTIONED IT, THAT'S...
THOSE AT THE SOUTH COAST SAID THAT DONO-SAMA HAS TAKEN A HUGE VESSEL OUT TO THE SEA THIS MORNING, BUT HAS YET TO RETURN
WAIT. IS IT ALRIGHT TO BELIEVE THE WORDS OF THESE STRANGERS?
MOREOVER, DONO-SAMA IS AT SEA, SO HOW DO THEY KNOW WHAT HE SAID?

AH! THAT'S A CRUCIFIX!
THAT'S WHY..
WE CAN TALK TO THOSE WHO ARE FAR AWAY FROM US WITH THIS
AH—THE RADIO SIGNAL HAS WEAKENED AND WE AREN'T CONNECTED ANYMORE.
THIS ISN'T THE TIME TO TALK ABOUT THAT!
CHR.. CHRIS-TIANS!
THESE PEOPLE ARE CHRIS-TIANS!
DON'T LIE!
THESE FELLOWS ARE CON-SPIRING SOME-THING.

STOP, MIYA-MOTO.
I WON'T LET YOU TOUCH THIS PERSON.
YES, THAT'S RIGHT. I CAME FROM AMAKUSA, AND I'M CALLED MASUDA SHIROU. BUT I ONLY ASKED TO RELATE A MESSAGE FROM THE DONO OF KURODA.
THERE IS A HURRICANE AT TATSUMI ISLAND NOW
BUT I'M NOT LYING.
THE WIND WAS ODDLY MOIST.
10 YEARS AGO ON THAT DAY....

I DARE-SAY TODAY RESEMBLES THAT DAY...
NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT...MY CAT HASN'T BEEN AROUND SINCE MORNING
FOR SOME REASON, WE HAVEN'T SEEN ANY CATS IN THE VILLAGE SINCE THIS MORNING, AND THE BIRDS HAVE BEEN RAUCOUS
IF I REMEMBER RIGHT, HE CREATED MIRACLES IN KUMAMOTO AND USA..
I HEARD SOME-THING ABOUT HIM
SHI-ROU OF AMAKU-SA
MINE TOO...
LET'S TAKE IT THAT THEY LIED TO US AND STAY AT THE TEMPLE ON THE MOUNTAIN TILL MORNING, SHALL WE?
EVERY BODY...
CREATED
MIRA-CLES...
ALRIGHT THEN..IF IT'S TILL MORN-ING...
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GENJI, DON'T...
ELDER!
THE MORE I THINK ABOUT IT, THE MORE IT SEEMS SO
THE DIRECTION OF THE WIND, THE MOVEMENT OF THE AIR, AND THE BEHAVIOURS OF THE BIRDS—
NO! WAIT! WHAT HAPPENS IF WE ALL LEAVE THE VILLAGE AND ROBBERS WERE TO COME?
SERIOUSLY, CAN WE TRUST THESE PEOPLE?!
IT'S TRUE THAT TODAY IS...
SIMILAR TO THAT FATAL DAY TEN YEARS AGO.
THESE PEOPLE SHOULD ALSO COME WITH US TOO.
WAH.
chatter
chatter
chatter
SO...IT'S TRUE
IT'S BETTER THAT THE WOMEN AND CHILDREN GO UP FIRST.

WE'VE BEEN KIND TO INFORM THEM.
NATSUKI—I'VE HAD ENOUGH! LET'S LEAVE SUCH PEOPLE BE. WHAT IF THERE IS NO TSUNAMI?!
DON'T TOUCH ME.
THAT'S RIGHT. COME WITH US.
I want to save them, even if it's only one life.
BRING THE CHILDREN!
LET'S GET AWAY FROM HERE!
IF WE DON'T GET MOVING, EVERYONE MAY DIE.
If there were lives to be saved,
WHAT IF THERE IS NO TSUNAMI? THEN IT'D ONLY BE 'GREAT', WOULDN'T IT?
AND THAT'S STILL BETTER THAN PEOPLE DYING BECAUSE OF THE TSUNAMI.
SHUDDER
HURRY!

WHY ARE YOU TRYING SO HARD TO DO THIS...?
I ONLY...
DON'T WANT TO SEE ANY-ONE DIE.
EVERY..
EVERYONE, WE'LL STAY UP ON THE MOUNTAIN JUST FOR ONE NIGHT
WE'LL RETURN TO THE VILLAGE IF NOTHING HAPPENS— AL-RIGHT?
ARE WE . FLEE-ING?
JUST.. JUST FOR ONE NIGHT...
MIYAMOTO, LET'S GO AROUND THE VILLAGE TO EN-SURE THAT THERE AREN'T ANY VILLAGERS WHO HAVEN'T HEARD THE NEWS
That's good.
SURE.
うわあ

AH, SAMURAI-SAN, IT'S BETTER THAT YOU DON'T PROCEED AHEAD.

SFX TROTS
SFX TROTS
SFX RUSTLE X2

Tsunami...?

THE SEA IS STORMY, AND THE WAVES TURBULENT.
IT'S SAID THAT A TSUNAMI'S APPROACHING THE VILLAGE.

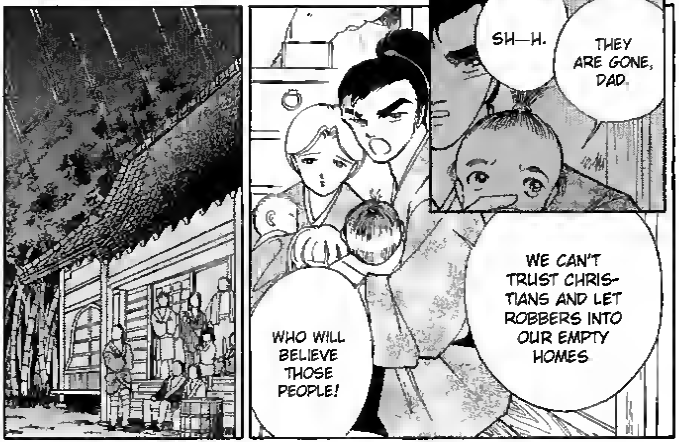
AH—I AGREE TOO.
BUT... THAT WAS A PRETTY PERSON.

He has appeared again!
AH, SAMURAI-SAN!
God's messenger?
THAT PERSON IS INDEED THE RUMOURED GOD'S MESSENGER.
TROTS
HE WENT AHEAD.
TROTS
TROTS
IS ANYONE HERE?
IS ANYONE STILL AROUND?

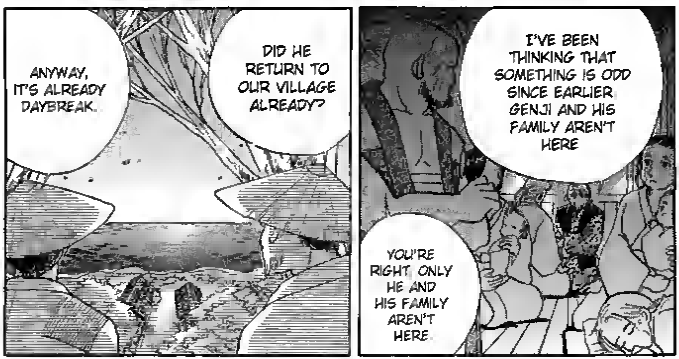
YAGYU..
YAGYU?!
ARE YOU NOT MIYAMOTO MUSASHI-DONO—?
GOD'S MESSENGER AND—
AREN'T YOU THE GIRL I MET EARLIER—? YOUR NAME'S NATSUKI..
YOU ARE...

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
THAT'S MY SISTER, ISN'T IT? I HEARD THAT YOU SAVED HER FROM A SNAKE.
DAMN. . IT'D BE TERRIBLE IF YAGYU FOUND OUT THAT I'M A GIRL!
YOU MET EARLIER...?
A TSU-NAMI IS COMING!
THIS ISN'T THE PLACE TO BE CONFRONTING EACH OTHER. PLEASE EVACUATE TO HIGHER GROUND, YAGYU -DONO!
SISTER?
HURRY! PLEASE GO, YAGYU-DONO!
I CAN HEAR SOME-THING! WE MUST LEAVE NOW!
WIND HOWLS
YES... THAT'S MY SISTER!

WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME THAT YOU MET HIM? IT WAS AT THAT TIME WHEN YOU LOST YOUR SASH, WASN'T IT?
SORRY. I DIDN'T KNOW THAT HE WAS YAGYU THEN.
NO MATTER HOW I LOOK AT HIM, HE LOOKED LIKE YAGYU JUBEE IN THE MOVIES.
AH, YOU THINK SO TOO?
SFX: TROTS X2
IS HE CHASING AFTER US?
NO...
SFX: TROTS
DID HE THINK THAT I'M A GIRL..?
IS ANYONE HERE—?
THAT'S WEIRD.
BEATS ME..
AM I PARANOID?
SFX: TROTS


SH—H.
THEY ARE GONE, DAD.
WE CAN'T TRUST CHRISTIANS AND LET ROBBERS INTO OUR EMPTY HOMES
WHO WILL BELIEVE THOSE PEOPLE!

THE WIND HAS GOTTEN STRONGER.
WHAT'S THIS? IT'S RAINING TOO.


ANYWAY, IT'S ALREADY DAYBREAK.
DID HE RETURN TO OUR VILLAGE ALREADY?
I'VE BEEN THINKING THAT SOMETHING IS ODD SINCE EARLIER. GENJI AND HIS FAMILY AREN'T HERE
YOU'RE RIGHT. ONLY HE AND HIS FAMILY AREN'T HERE.

OH.. HEY, LOOK THERE....
YES, A WASTED TRIP.
WHAT, IT'S JUST A SCARE STORY IN THE END, ISN'T IT?
SFX: GOOOOO
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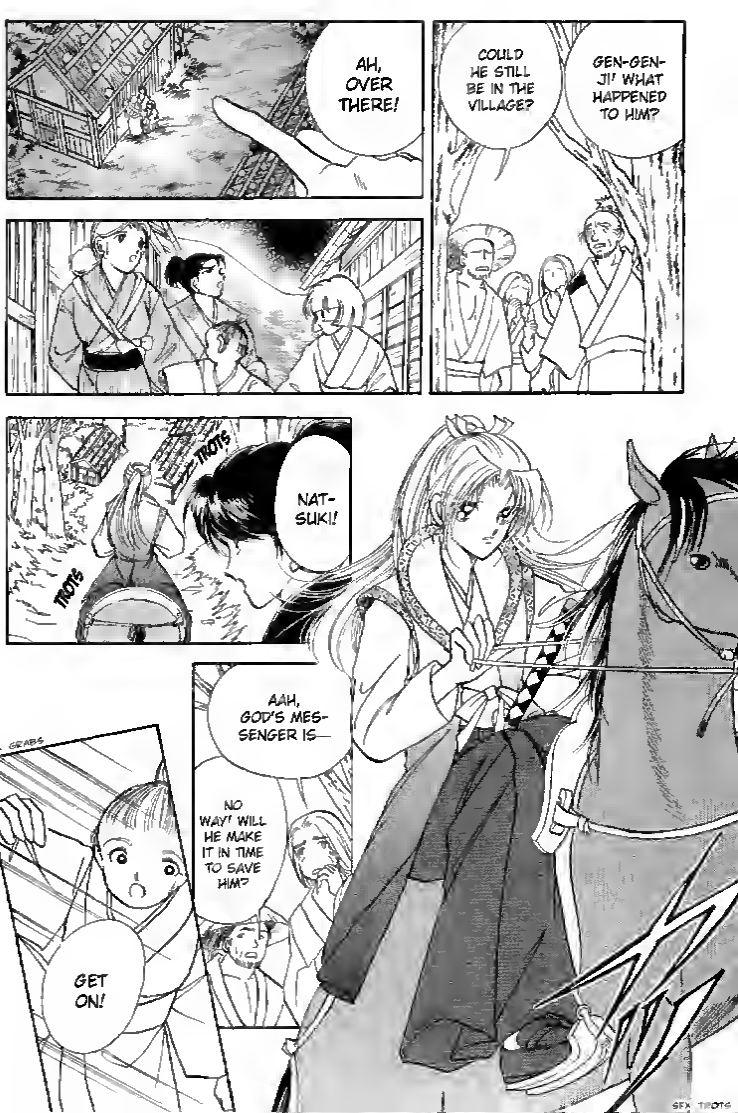
WAAH!

SFX: ROOM
SO THE TSUNAMI REALLY...
WHAT A THING...
OUR... VILLAGE!
IN A WINK OF AN EYE ..!


AH, OVER THERE!
COULD HE STILL BE IN THE VILLAGE?
GEN-GEN-JI! WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM?
NAT-SUKI!
TROTS
TROTS
AAH, GOD'S MES-SENGER IS—
NO WAY! WILL HE MAKE IT IN TIME TO SAVE HIM?
SFX GRABS
GET ON!
SFX TROTS

WHAT... ABOUT YOU...?
YOU TOO, HURRY UP! TAKE MY HORSE AND GO!
GO!
It's too late!

WAA, THE WATER HAS SWALLOWED THEM UP!
NAT-SUKI!
DAMN
SFX: GUSH
SFX: GRABS
HELP- HELP ME, PLEASE.
WHOOSH

Is there something...
Ah...
TAKE MY HAND!
I can't reach him, but it's just a little bit more.
Tadamao-sama's flute.
SFX GRABS
GRAB ONTO THIS

There is really a tsunami ..
THAT'S GOOD THAT'S GOOD
EVERY-ONE IS SAFE!
THEY ESCAPED ONTO THE ROOF.
RELIEVED
THAT WAS A CLOSE SHAVE
IS DEEPLY SCRATCHED
I'M SORRY... I'M AFRAID THIS FLUTE WITH THE MALLOW TREFOIL COAT OF ARMS...
IT'S ALRIGHT, DON'T WORRY.
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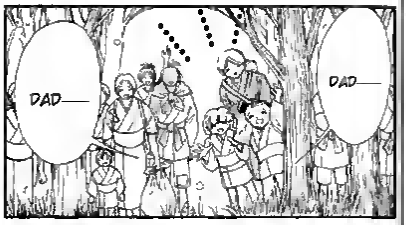
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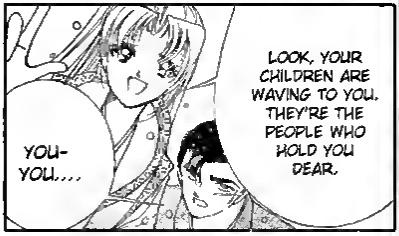
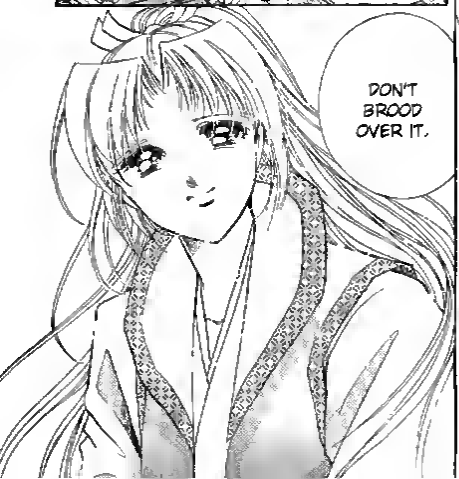

LOOK, YOUR CHILDREN ARE WAVING TO YOU. THEY'RE THE PEOPLE WHO HOLD YOU DEAR.
YOU-YOU....

YOU RISKED YOUR LIFE FOR ME WHO DISBELIEVED YOU...


DON'T BROOD OVER IT.

IT'S NOT SOMETHING THAT IS MORE VALUABLE THAN YOUR LIFE.

KURIYAMA-SAMA! THE WEST COAST HAS BEEN HIT BY A TSUNAMI!
WHAT DID YOU SAY?! THAT PLACE WAS HIT TEN YEARS AGO TOO!
IT'S THE SAME VILLAGE AGAIN.
WHAT A TERRIBLE THING—
PLEASE DON'T WORRY. THE VILLAGERS AT THE WEST COAST HAVE EVACUATED AND EVERYONE IS SAFE.
WHAT-EVER IT IS—
THEY SAID THAT GOD'S MESSENGER INFORMED THEM OF THE TSUNAMI.
WHAT... DID YOU SAY?!

THAT'S GREAT.
THAT'S GREAT
AH, KURIYAMA-SAMA, OVER THERE.
SFX: TROTS
SFX: TROTS
IT'S ONLY THE VILLAGE THAT IS DESTROYED
AS LONG AS WE'RE ALIVE, WE CAN BUILD OUR HOMES AGAIN
TROTS
TROTS

AH, KURIYAMA-SAMA!

CHIEF RETAINER-SAMA!
CHIEF RETAINER-SAMA!
LOOK, THE CHIEF RETAINER, KURIYAMA-SAMA, IS HERE. EVERYTHING'S ALRIGHT NOW.
THIS PERSON HAS RISKED HIS LIFE TO SAVE EVERYONE IN THE VILLAGE
HE EVEN HELPED THOSE WHO DIDN'T ESCAPE IN TIME.
I... had driven you out from the clan,
yet you helped the people of my clan...
Is this
whom they call God's messenger?

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It is true that Miyamoto Musashi of the Kokura Clan participated in the insurgency of Shimabara and Amakusa but his lover Otsu was a character created by Mr. Yoshigawa Eiji

Otsu, who is featured here, is only coincidentally sharing the same name as Mr. Yoshigawa Eiji's character. I could have named her Oyone-san or Oharu-san, but I decided to try and name her Otsu, which is a famous name, and Natsuki will flinch at the mention of it. I don't think that Natsuki has read the whole book... but she probably had seen Otsu in dramas on TV

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